

**In the Specification:**

*On page 1, prior to line 8, please insert the following heading and paragraph:*

**--Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is for entry into the U.S. national phase under §371 for International Application No. PCT/IB03/005587 having an international filing date of March 12, 2003, and from which priority is claimed under all applicable sections of Title 35 of the United States Code including, but not limited to, Sections 120, 363 and 365(c).--

*On page 38, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 as follows:*

--1. In systems with multiple transmission channels as the basis for resource allocation, for example scheduling methods in TDMA systems which allocate time slots to the transmission channel with the "best" channel. Here the  $CQIe_k$  should correlate with the performance the channel can support.--

*On page 53, please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 11:*

--While there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the invention as applied to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices and methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Moreover, it should be recognized that structures and/or elements and/or method steps shown and/or described in connection with any disclosed form or embodiment of the invention may be incorporated in any other disclosed or described or suggested form or embodiment as a general matter of design choice. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Furthermore, in the claims means-plus-function clauses are intended to cover the structures described herein as performing the recited function and not only structural equivalents, but also equivalent structures. Thus although a nail and a screw may not be structural equivalents in that a nail employs a cylindrical surface to secure wooden parts together, whereas a screw employs a helical surface, in the environment of fastening wooden parts, a nail and a screw may be equivalent structures.--